(c) The problems have since been tackled and over the last few weeks the progress has improved .

(d) The tunnel is expected to be completed by December, 97.

Issue of Complementary Railway Passes

337. SHRI L. RAMANA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased ot state :

(a) the number of new complementary Railway Passes issued during the last one year;

(b) the categories of people to whom they have issued;

(c) Whether any specific guidelines have been laid down as to the consideration on which the complementary passes should be issued; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) (i) No. of card passes issued during 1996-97 : 42,086

(including passes issued to Freedom Fighters)

(ii) No. of Cheque Passes issued during 1996-97 : 6168

(b)

S.No.	Categories of people to whom issued
A.	Card passes
1.	Freedom Fighters (cost borne by Ministry of Home Affairs)
2.	Former Minister of Railways/Former Minister of State for Railways/Dy.Minister for Railways.
3.	Former Members of Parliament
4.	Arjuna Awardees. Olympic Medalists. Asian and Commonwealth Gold Medalists .
5.	Recipients of Chakra series of Gallantry Awards (Defence)
6.	Recipients of Presidents' Police Medal for Gallantry and police Medal for Gallantry (Police)
7.	Presidents/Secretaries of National Sports Federation of India, Indian Olympic Association and State Olympic association affiliated to IOA.
8.	Eminent persons & organisations engaged in social, cultural, educational, sports and welfare activities at MR's discretion.
B.	Cheque passes for specific journeys as per guidelines.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In regard to category 8, Complementary Card Passes are issued at the personal discretion of the minister of Railways, to eminent persons and organisations engaged in social , cultural, educational, sports and welfare activities and on compassionate/medical ground. Other categories are self explanatory. Besides, cheque passes for specific journeys, are issued in deserving cases on compassionate/ medical grounds etc. with the approval of Minister of Railways or Minister of State for Railway or Members of Railway Board .

Construction of Hostel in Delhi

338. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any plan to construct hostel for its Non-Gazetted Employees working in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATARAMAN) : (a) the Government have no plan to construct hostel specifically for its Non-gazetted Employees working in Delhi.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a).

Survey for Rangiya-Mukongselek Rail Line

339. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether preliminary survey for construction of the B.G. line from Rangiya to Mukongselek has been undertaken; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes,Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Construction of Peddapalli-Karimnagar-Nizamabad Rail Line

340. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction of Peddapalli- Karimnagar-Nizamabad railway line in Andhra Pradesh has been delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) the budgetary allocation made for the above line; and

(d) the time by which the above line is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Rs.5.00 crores in Budget,1997-98.

(d) Work is being done in two phases. Phase-I work between Peddapalli-Karimnagar has presently been taken up and the section is targetted for completion by December,1999. The second phase work between Karimnagar-Nizamabad would be taken up after completing the first phase.

[Translation]

Drinking Water Schemes of Gujarat

341. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number and names of cities in regard to which the proposal for providing drinking water facility has been sent to Union Government by the Government of Gujarat; and

(b) the estimates of cost of each project, the decision taken by the Union Government for each city alongwith its share?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATARAMAN) : (a) Under the Centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme applicable to towns having population less than 20,000 (as per 1991 census), detailed project reports of drinking water supply schemes in respect of eight towns *viz*, Dharampur, Bantya, Dhrol, Okha Port, Jodia, Mendarda, Barwala and Surajkaradi towns were received from the state Government of Gujarat.

(b) All the 8 schemes referred to in part (a) above have been approved under AUWS Programme at a total project cost of Rs.508.09 lakhs. The Central Government share amounting to 50% of the cost of the scheme has already been released to the state Government. The details in respect of project cost and share for each town is at Statement attached

Statement

Accelerated Urban water supply programme

S. No.	Name of the Town	Project Cost	Central Share
		(Rs. in lakhs)	
1.	Dharamapur	54.00	27.00
2.	Bantya	38.50	19.25
3.	Dhrol	132.60	66.30
4.	Okha Port	14.60	7.30
5.	Jodia	110.25	55.12
6.	Mendarda	49.00	24.50
7.	Barwala	90.94	47.47
8.	Suraj Karadi	18.20	19.10
	Total	508.09	254.04

[English]

Encroachment

342. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to the answer given to Unstarred Question No. 6229 dated May 14,1997 regarding encroachment and state :

(a) whether the requisite information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the reaction of the Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATARAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government of NCT of Delhi have reported that the land owing agencies have prepared list of encroachment which is regularly updated and demolition programmes are fixed from time to time with the help of the land owing agencies.

Government of NCT of Delhi have also reported that a demolition programme near Siksha Bharti School in Village Palam was carried out on 16.09.97, when 4 Bighas of Gaon Sabha land was reclaimed. Government of NCT of Delhi have denied that all colonies in South-West Delhi exist on Government land.